
CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT

Electric Vehicle Charging

The Council has submitted a £1.3m bid to Welsh Government for support to develop an electric vehicle charging strategy and further infrastructure roll-out. In the interim, the Council has put forward a further six electric vehicle charge point sites for inclusion in a Cardiff Capital Region funding application to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles for 2023/24.

One Planet Summit

Through the budget, funding has also been secured for our One Planet Cardiff Climate Summit, which will take place in June 2023, and planning is well underway for this event. I hope to be able to announce further details shortly. The budget also allocated funding for a One Planet Cardiff youth event in the autumn and e-cargo bike feasibility work; and work has begun on developing these projects for the year ahead.

Cardiff and Vale College Apprenticeship Awards 2023

Kadell Savage, an apprentice who works in the Council's Waste Education and Enforcement Team, won the Sustainable Resource Management Apprentice of the Year Award at this year's Cardiff and Vale College Apprenticeship Awards. Kadell joined the Waste Education and Enforcement Team in October 2021 after successfully applying for a post as a Waste Officer. He impressed his employers with his understanding and knowledge of the job and his openness to learning new legislation and processes, and so they felt he would be better suited in the street scene environment. He was promoted subsequently to the role of Waste Education and Enforcement Officer, which he has taken to very well and is a great asset to the team. Kadell completed most of his apprenticeship work during the period of Covid restrictions and adapted quickly to online and video interaction. Since completing his apprenticeship, Kadell continues to work on his personal development and progress within the Council.

Recycling Figures

Thus far this year, there has been an increase in recycling performance each quarter. We achieved 64.73% in Quarter 1 compared with 59.14% in the same period last year, and 63.28% in Quarter 2 compared with 57.71% in the same period last year. Quarter 3 figures are yet to be verified, but are again indicating an improved performance compared to the same time last year.

Household Waste

Cardiff Council has entered into a partnership with Podback – a coffee pod recycling scheme set up by the major producers: Nespresso, Tassimo and Nescafé Dolce Gusto. As a result of this partnership, residents will be able to recycle their coffee pods at the kerbside. Literature will be sent out in April advising how to sign up for the scheme, with collections starting in May.

The fortnightly collection of garden waste at the kerbside re-commenced on 21 March. Garden waste can also be taken to Lamby Way or Bessemer Close recycling centres.

Trade Waste

The new business waste regulations will require all recycling to be segregated for collection. It is proposed that from 1 October 2023, the following materials will need to be separated for collection, and collected separately:

1. Food produced by premises producing more than 5kg of food waste a week
2. Paper and card
3. Glass
4. Metal, plastic, and cartons and other fibre-plastic composite packaging of a similar composition
5. Unsold small waste electrical and electronic equipment (sWEEE)
6. Unsold textiles

The Trade Waste team are working hard to facilitate this change for their customers. The team presented at the Chartered Institution of Waste Management Cymru conference on 22 March to promote the work to leading officers and politicians across Wales.

Flood Prevention

The Council has evaluated the tenders received for the Coastal Protection Project, and the Full Business Case and associated documentation are expected to be submitted shortly to the Welsh Government for their consideration. The submission will seek to agree costs, associated risks and approval to proceed to construction. Due to the technical and financial processes involved and Welsh Government requirements, subject to approval, the works are scheduled to commence on site early in the new financial year. Further Business Justification Cases and Outline Business Cases have been submitted to Welsh Government for consideration. The submissions are to seek the necessary funding to enable the Council to address identified issues of flood risk throughout the city.

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